

WAYLAND RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

White House,
EAST HARLING,
Norwich.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have to submit a report for year ending 31st December, 1942 which is substantially the same as that of the previous year.

The general health both of the child and the adult populations is still being maintained, and epidemics and deficiency diseases are not conspicuous.

Our population has fallen somewhat owing to dispersal of many of our evacuees.

There have been the usual small epidemics of measles and whooping cough but two cases of diphtheria only have occurred during the year.

A few cases of catarrhal epidemic jaundice have occurred in various parts of the district and the Ministry of Health is in touch with the practitioners in case of any bad epidemic occurring, and will send out a team of investigators to collaborate in trying to find the source.

A small epidemic of Sonne dysentery occurred amongst pupils in a local boarding school during March, 1942. There were 13 cases in boys, all of about the same age and class. Investigations of patients and of food and milk supply etc., were made but the source was not discovered. All cases were examined and followed up and it is believed that no carrier was left after recovery in any of the cases. There has been no further outbreak anywhere notified.

There is a slight increase of gland and bone and joint tubercle this year, but the number of cases of lung tubercle is less than last year.

Diphtheria Immunisation has been receiving the attention of all practitioners in the area during the year and the percentages are high of cases immunised. It is desirable that all publicity should still be given to this campaign and our target should be 100%.

I think we have passed another milestone on the road to victory without serious casualty and hope that God's good providence will continue with us during the years of stress, still perhaps to come.

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

ANNUAL REPORT - 1942.

Vital Statistics.

BIRTHS.

	Year 1942.			Year 1941.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Live Births.	108	151	519	134	143	277.
Still Births.	5	5	10	8	3	11
Birth rate per 1000 of estd. pop.	13.2			15.30.		
Still birth rate per 1000 total (live and still births).....	30.04			38.19		

DEATHS.

From all causes.	235.	234.
Death rate per 1000 population	13.41	12.82.
Death from Puerperal Sepsis.	Nil.	Nil.
Death rate of:-		
All infants under 1 yr. per 1000		
Live births.....	62.7	38.62.
Deaths from Cancer.	25	26
" " Tuberculosis.	7	6
" " Measles.	-	-
" " Whooping Cough.	1	-
" " Diarrhoea.	1	-
" " Pneumonia.	6	8

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

No. of cases of Scarlet Fever notified.	42	83
" Diphtheria "	2	3
" Erysipelas "	8	4
" Measles. "	23	322
" Pneumonia "	14	19
" Puerperal Pyrexia "	2	1
" Whooping Cough.	88	139

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

	<u>Under 5</u>	<u>Between 5 and 15</u>
Percentage of the child population immunised at 31st December, 1942.	50%	98%